

The Dead Horse

December 2009

DISPATCH

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

Potluck Dinner



On November 10th, there was a good turn-out by the volunteers for a hotdog and hamburger potluck at the Greenway. A group in Raven had lots of meat left over (after their weekend here), so they donated it all to the volunteers and rangers at the park. Volunteer Bernie Munson (in brown cap) suggested the cookout and did all the roasting. The potluck led into the regular Tuesday evening game night, also held at the Greenway, on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteer Meeting November 16th



The end of the volunteer meeting on Nov 16th, was devoted to the finer points of bathroom cleaning, with an explanation by Ranger Randy Victory of what the various chemicals are and how they should be used. Safety glasses are available in each chase for those who wish to use them.

Manager Les Bovee brought good news with him to the volunteer meeting. DHRSP is \$12,000 over last year's revenue for October. He said DH had the highest visitation in the entire system for October, and that includes Kartchner. "Since we expanded and added facilities here, we are blowing them out of the water," Les said. He added that the park is getting more people in expanded shoulder seasons and more in the summer and winter. "Nothing is certain about the budget at this point," he also said.

submitted by Nan Hephner



**Nathaniel Joseph
Lewis Buzonas**

Nathan arrived at around noon Sunday, November 8th. Weighing in at 6 lbs 15 ounces and 19.5 inches long. He had a case of mild jaundice, but is doing better. All are at home and doing well, including Rebecca's mother, who is staying with them.

"Spam" Breakfast



On October 18th the volunteers (pictured above) Bob Akey, Trish Muchler, Carolyn Meehan, Pat Hawker, and (not pictured) Sandy Kendall and Carol Johnson met at the Lagoons for the 1st annual Spam Breakfast.

Who Knows This One?



AZ ICE CREAM TRUCK!



Bob Akey sent this to me! Pretty funny! Picture of an AZ Ice Cream Truck. Ranger Eric Buzonas

Trout Stocked in Lagoons and River is listed in the AZ Game & Fish Website:
www.azgfd.gov/h_f/stocking_schedule.shtml

Volunteer News

Coming & Goings

- * Gary & Sharon Munson (Redtail Hawk)
- * Peter & Nancy Hardy (Redtail Hawk) trail maintenance
- * Teresa & Bernie Munson (Raven Loop)
- * Keith and Judy Mangels (Raven Loop) on Dec 1st.
- * Doug Palosaari left Cooper's Hawk:
(I head out tomorrow for the final leg to Tucson, my winter destination. I've enjoyed a month of work camping at DHRSP and of course a bit more exploring in the area. Thanks to all my DH friends, for making me feel so welcome.)
- * John & Wanda Ward (Cooper's Hawk)
- * Quail Loop has Nan & Norm Hephner, Wes & Carolyn Scott, and Laurie Blitsch.
- * Keven Ward & Patrick Rhoads are set up back by the Greenway and are helping throughout the park.
- * Maryan Pharo & Jim Harris are in Maintenance 2.
- * Bob & Ann Nason (Cabins)
- * Bill Fritz (volunteer for a month) is now a seasonal ranger at Fort Verde SP due to finances contributed by the town.
- * Ranger Rob Burson is transferred permanently to Slide Rock State Park.
- * George Christiansen has accepted the manager's position at Lyman Lake SP. He will be driving back and forth as he gradually moves his family to Lyman. They hope to be moved in by Christmas.
- * Ranger II Linda Hauk is Office Manager.
- * Ranger Max Castillo is Assistant Park Manager.

Dates to Remember

November

26 - Happy Thanksgiving Day

December

Tuesdays - 6:30 Gamenight, Greenway
bring snack, beverage, game, learn a new one
5 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway
19 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway
25 - **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
31 - **HAPPY NEW YEARSEVE!!**

Volunteer Carolyn Scott has provided another plastic tub, so that a book exchange can be established at the front entrance station near the kiosk.

Emerson & Karen Trushel's bio: DHRSP was our first volunteer "job" and it was so positive we've never gone anywhere else. Every one we've met and worked with, including the staff, are just great people.

December Milestones

DECEMBER
2-Bill Warner
6-Barbara Penny
6-Frank Larramore
7-Wayne Kemp
9-Laurie Blitsch
10-Mary Soukup
12-Trish Muchler
15-Wanda Ward
17-George Stolze
18-Nancy Hardy
26-Rose Larramore

Recipes

Some here want to start a recipe feature – easy recipes for two etc. Volunteer Carolyn Scott (Quail Loop) sends the following to get it started.
Bear Creek makes a great dry mix tortilla soup. Add corn chips, grated cheese and sour cream for a delicious and filling easy dinner. Chicken can also be added if desired.



Gary Munson will be playing Santa again this year at the Moose Lodge, an event held for needy families in the area. He said he may be repeating the performance at Walmart and Home Depot. He and Sharon will help deliver packages to the needy on Christmas Eve.

Bobber Fishing



Carol Johnson and Sandra Kendall ask, "How many volunteers does it take to get a bobber out of the lagoon?"
2 very determined people.



Bob and Ann Nason, hosts at the cabins, are having a great time volunteering here at Dead Horse. They began RVing/camping in April of this year. They are now on their third RV upgrade since then, and we'd bet it won't be long before they are full-timing it, in spite of their home in Camp Verde! Ann retired from elementary school teaching in Vermont and New Hampshire, and is originally from the Midwest. Bob retired from law enforcement in New Hampshire. He is originally from Maine and had a second career managing a small airport in Eden, NC.
submitted by Nan Hephner



From the manager:

As I reflect on all that I have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season, what comes to mind is Dead Horse Ranch and the Verde River Greenway, and the rangers & volunteers who help make it such an extraordinary place.

You may not be aware that back issues of "*the Dead Horse Dispatch*" are available at the Dead Horse Ranch web page in the volunteer section. Go to the Arizona State Parks web site (www.azstateparks.com), and link to the Dead Horse Ranch page, then link to the volunteer page by clicking on "volunteer" (in the left column). On the volunteer page you can scroll down and see the links to all of our back issues. At that location you can also link to the current agency newsletter "*Volunteer Voice*" or, sign up to have each new issue emailed to you.

LB

Russ & Joyce Jones bio: camp host, Fox Island County Park, WA; Yuquina Bay Lighthouse, Oregon SP; DHRSP, AZ. Best volunteer experience: of course! DHRSP!

I just heard from John & Shirley Gard, the couple that started the wood project and the gardens at DHRSP. They are at Meteor Crater and hope to arrive in the park around Oct 13th ... pending trouble with the fifth wheel. They are an interesting couple, if you get a chance to get out to the park and meet them. Nice meeting you and your sister.
Joan Gray

GREAT JOB! I had fun sharing the pictures with my grandkids in Oak Park (IL) I sure do look forward to my return 'home' on Monday. Thanks for all the work I know you must put in to produce such a quality newsletter.
Ann & Bob Nason

Thanks again for the Nov issue. We are now at Kartchner Caverns. We are always happy to see and read of the friends we made at Dead Horse SP.
Sue & Don Neal